

in California, killed by an illegal alien; Derek Kichline in Pennsylvania, far from the border, killed by the head of the Latin Kings in town; Mollie Tibbetts, in the heartland of the country, killed by an illegal alien. Read the story about Nilsa Padilla, whose three little girls watched an illegal alien beat her to death, chop up her body, dispose of it, and then went on to kill their youngest sister, a little toddler. Then he left the country and was never brought to justice, as far as we know.

How much longer? How many more? We have seen record numbers this year alone at the border of illegal aliens coming into our country and imperiling and endangering our citizens. It is our job. We take an oath to defend them. I think you get the point, Madam Speaker.

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HONORING THE SACRIFICES OF JOHN EADE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American soldier, Staff Sergeant John Eade, a native son of Toledo, Ohio, of whom our citizenry is very proud and eternally grateful.

As our Nation approaches Veterans Day 2021, I enter into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the poignant story to honor John and his treasured colleagues for their superhuman valor. They are all heroes.

John, as a highly wounded Vietnam veteran, persevered and led a distinguished life as an architect and chief of the city of Boston's inspection division.

Our Nation must revere his lifelong valor in the face of overwhelming odds, terrible slaughter, and wounds endured from the deadliest single-day battle in the Vietnam war.

Sergeant Eade is held in the highest esteem by everyone who knows him. He is a trusted confidant, a faithful friend, a true patriot, and a very humble Purple Heart recipient. He would not seek that recognition for himself but would be thinking only of his comrades.

In November 1965, John was deployed to Vietnam as a fire team leader in the ill-fated 2nd Platoon, Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division.

On November 14, he and his team were sent as reinforcements to the Battle at Landing Zone X-Ray in the Ia Drang Valley made famous by the movie "We Were Soldiers."

On the morning of November 17, Sergeant Eade and his small team were marching to Landing Zone Albany. Only minutes after arriving, two much larger North Vietnamese regiments ambushed his unit.

As the North Vietnamese swarmed them through the trees, John's platoon was pinned down in ferocious hand-to-hand combat.

Sergeant Eade quickly rallied three of the only remaining soldiers able to fight: Wilbert Johnson, Barry Burnite, and Oscar Barker, Jr. Together, they fought valiantly to hold their position against the attacking Vietnamese.

Their plight was unfortunately short-lived. Burnite was struck in the chest by shrapnel, and Johnson pulled him to a position of cover to save him. The two men fought until Burnite died and Johnson was killed.

As the fighting continued, John was shot multiple times and sprayed with shrapnel. Barker tended to John's wounds. The rest of the platoon had already been killed. John urged Barker to leave him and retreat, but Barker refused. Moments later, Barker was killed.

Soon after, a napalm strike was dropped on John's position, leaving him severely burned. Weak, but still alive, John managed to roll in the dirt and extinguish the flames that had engulfed him, yet he continued his efforts to hold his position.

That afternoon, John was surprised by enemy soldiers, shot in the face, and knocked unconscious.

Despite the overwhelming odds and the horrific life-threatening wounds he had received, John refused to withdraw and continued exposing himself to the onslaught through the night, including throwing grenades with his remaining good arm. When dawn came, he was grievously wounded but remained alive.

Three days later, he was discovered by a recovery unit and awarded the Purple Heart for his massive sacrifice for our Nation. I believe to my core John and several of the men in his platoon have not been appropriately recognized for their valor.

It is for this reason I and my colleagues have nominated him for the Distinguished Service Cross.

John is now 78. He has lived with severe injuries sustained in battle that impacted him throughout his life and are impacting him now.

His reflections on life as a soldier and an American hero remain largely personal, but his valor endures. He is a soldier still, as he is now scaling another battle related to his wartime service.

He is handling this with such dignity, resolve, and even good humor. One can observe the raw courage that those of us who know him have witnessed through his life.

John, what a truly great soldier you are in the military and in life. America salutes you for your unyielding valor and for your deep patriotism.

No matter the challenge, you and your life are the very definition of courage. May God bless you and your fallen comrades, for surely you have blessed America.

RECOGNIZING FLETC PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers' Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony.

Each year, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers engrave the names of graduates who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty during the previous year.

This ceremony commemorates another year that has been distinguished by extraordinary law enforcement achievements but, unfortunately, has been marred by tragedy and personal loss.

We must always remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and serving our community.

Sadly, a total of 263 FLETC graduates have paid the ultimate sacrifice since 1970. Tragically, we have had to add another 22 names for last year alone.

Behind each and every one of these names there is a son, a daughter, a husband, a mother, or a relative who misses their loved one.

To all of our police officers and Federal law enforcement officials, thank you for your service to our communities and God bless you.

I hope that my colleagues will take some time to thank these courageous individuals who work to keep us all safe.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING ANN ERNST

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Ann Ernst of Savannah, Georgia, who sadly passed away on October 5 at the age of 93.

Ann attended Chatham County public schools and Armstrong Junior College and graduated from Valdosta State University with a degree in biology. Following graduation, she worked at a research lab studying malaria transmission and control.

Throughout her life, she was involved in teaching and inspiring the Savannah community. She served as curriculum director at Hancock Day School and taught children with learning disabilities at the Royce Learning Center.

Cherished by the Savannah community for her contagious laughter and love of life, Ann's immense impact was felt by everyone she knew.

I am thankful for Ann's lifetime of service, and I know her legacy will be forever treasured.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and all who knew her during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PHARMACY WEEK

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize this week as National Pharmacy Week.

Today we honor pharmacists and technicians across the Nation. During